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SUBJECT: JAMAICA AND SOVIET UNION SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT

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1. A TRADE AGREEMENT, INVOLVING REPRESENTATION AND THE SALE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WAS SIGNED IN KINGSTON, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, BY JAMAICA AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. P.J. PATTERSON, PROVIDES FOR JAMAICA BUYING AN UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY OF SOVIET MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ON A DEFERRED PAYMENT BASIS (NO VALUE FIGURE CITED), AND THE EXHIBITION OF JAMAICAN AND SOVIET MADE PRODUCTS IN TRADE FAIRS TO BE HELD IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN JAMAICA IS TO BE STRENGTHENED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. THE JAMAICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WILL SERVE AS JAMAICA'S TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

2. THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED THREE DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN A TEAM FROM JAMAICA LED BY MR. DERRICK HEAVEN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE RUSSIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE,
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MR. ALEXEI MANZHULO. THE AGREEMENT IS THE SECOND TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ON NOVEMBER 30, BOTH COUNTRIES SIGNED A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AFTER SIX DAYS OF TALKS IN KINGSTON (SEE REFTEL).

3. AT THE SIGNING, MR. PATTERSON SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAMS HAD IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC COMMODITIES IN WHICH

TRADE COULD BE DEVELOPED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. ALTHOUGH
HE DID NOT NAME ANY, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE LIST WILL
INCLUDE PIMENTO, ALUMINA AND POSSIBLY SUGAR FROM JAMAICA.
HOWEVER, "MUCH MORE IS LEFT TO BE DONE AND IT WAS FOR
BOTH SIDES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE IN THE NEW YEAR TO
DEVELOP THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE." HE SAID. MR. MANZHULO EMPHASIZED
HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AGREEMENT.
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